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INSTRUCTIONS TO STUDENT

1. This question paper consists of **8** printed pages.
2. Answer **ALL** questions in **Sections A** and **B.** Answer only **ONE** question from **Section C.**
3. Shade your answers for number **1-40** on the **OMR** sheet.
4. Write your answers for **Section C** in the Answer Booklet.

SECTION A: GRAMMAR [20 MARKS]
Instruction: Answer ALL questions.

Question I
Instructions: For questions 1-10, identify the BEST answer.

Read the passages below and answer all the questions.

Obesity is becoming a rising concern nowadays. People like to eat junk foods such as fries and burgers, which contain a lot of fat, sugar and cholesterol. When the excessive fat is not used up by the body, it is converted to body fat. The problem is made worse by the lack of physical activities because of the sedentary nature of their jobs, availability of transport and lack of exercise due to laziness. Many of these obese people were not given adequate health education on good eating habits and the importance of a healthy lifestyle.

1. obesity is becoming a rising concern nowadays
   A. dependent clause
   B. independent clause

2. which contain a lot of fat, sugar and cholesterol
   A. dependent clause
   B. independent clause

3. it is converted to body fat
   A. dependent clause
   B. independent clause

4. because of the sedentary nature of their jobs
   A. dependent clause
   B. independent clause

5. on good eating habits and the importance of a healthy lifestyle
   A. dependent clause
   B. independent clause

What makes a destination popular among tourist? The first reason would be the history of the place that people have heard or read about. After getting these information, it makes seeing these historical places, such as the castles, sceneries and religious structures more meaningful. Food is another reason why people travel because it is the best gift that nature has given us. The experience of sampling different types of cuisine which every society on Earth has made into their own special gift, is exciting and enlightening. Finally, travelling takes people who would take this opportunity to sort out their problems and bond with their family, away from the stressful world of work and the routine of life.

6. that people have heard or read about
   A. dependent clause
   B. independent clause

7. after getting these information
   A. dependent clause
   B. independent clause

8. food is another reason
   A. dependent clause
   B. independent clause

9. the experience of sampling different types of cuisine is exciting and enlightening
   A. dependent clause
   B. independent clause

10. travelling takes people away from the stressful world of work and the routine of life
    A. dependent clause
    B. independent clause

Question II
Instructions: For questions 11-15, identify the DEPENDENT CLAUSE.

11. No matter how you look at it, that woman raised your children.
    A. no matter how
    B. you look at it
    C. that woman raised your children
    D. no matter how you look at it

12. The recluse, who lives by the ocean, comes to town once a month to buy his food supplies.
    A. the recluse
    B. who lives by the ocean
    C. comes to town once a month to buy his food supplies
    D. the recluse comes to town once a month to buy his food supplies

13. Since nobody volunteered to be the group leader, the job is yours.
    A. the job is yours
    B. nobody volunteered
    C. volunteered to be the group leader
    D. since nobody volunteered to be the group leader

14. Ms Mariam couldn't figure out why a group of boys threw stones at her car.
    A. couldn't figure out why
    B. Ms Mariam couldn't figure
    C. a group of boys threw stones at her car
    D. why a group of boys threw stones at her car

15. The town where I was born is on the east coast of Peninsular Malaysia.
    A. where I was born
    B. the town where I was born
    C. is on the east coast of Peninsular Malaysia
    D. the town is on the east coast of Peninsular Malaysia

Question III
Instructions: For questions 16-20, identify the INDEPENDENT CLAUSE.

16. Dr Martin finally completed his findings, after years of research.
    A. Dr Martin finally
    B. after years of research
    C. completed his findings
    D. Dr Martin finally completed his findings

17. Do you know the contractor who went to court on the fraud charge?
    A. do you know the contractor
    B. went to court on the fraud charge
    C. who went to court on the fraud charge
    D. the contractor who went to court on the fraud charge

18. The Captain of Scarborough, whose ship overtook ours, offered me freedom in exchange of information.
    A. whose ship overtook ours
    B. the Captain of Scarborough offered
    C. offered me freedom in exchange of information
    D. the Captain of Scarborough offered me freedom in exchange of information

19. When Maya entered the Beauty Pageant, she didn't expect to be crowned Miss Congeniality.
    A. Maya entered
    B. crowned Miss Congeniality
    C. when Maya entered the Beauty Pageant
    D. she didn't expect to be crowned Miss Congeniality

20. Although we had never thought about it, fasting takes great will and effort.
    A. fasting takes
    B. we had never thought
    C. fasting takes great will and effort
    D. although we had never thought about it

(20 marks)

SECTION B: READING COMPREHENSION [20 MARKS]

Instructions: Read the passage carefully and answer all the questions from 21-40. Shade your answers on the OMR sheet.

Liar, Liar, Pants on Fire

1 A lie is a lie, of course, but some are worse than others. Lesser offenses are called fibbing, fudging, exaggerating, and stretching the truth. I prefer the term "error of omission," but that won't stand up in court if you have sworn to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth. Is there ever a time outside of a courtroom, when a lie can be excused? In my opinion the answer is yes. I strongly feel that it would be kinder to lie than to hurt someone's feelings. One example is an instance when a friend asks, "How do I look?" or "Does this make me look fat?" Telling her what you really think might be cruel, so in that case lying is simply being tactful.

2 Children are notorious storytellers. The earliest lie I can remember telling was when I was trying to persuade a boardinghouse landlady to hire me as a maid for the summer. To gain her confidence, I lied about my age. With fingers crossed behind my back, I said that I was "going on" thirteen. Seeing that I wasn't struck by lightning with that one, I decided to press my luck when she asked for my Christian name. I told her it was Eileen, because I have never liked being called Evelyn. Anyway, Eileen is my middle name, so I rationalized to employ reasons that it was only half a lie.

3 How can you detect if someone is lying to you? There is an interesting new book out, called *You're Lying!* by Lena Sisco. Sisco had a lot of experience interrogating suspected terrorists and other detainees at Guantanamo Bay. A promotional blurb for the book praises the author's ability to build rapport, read body language, and employ effective investigating techniques which led to numerous successes that saved American lives. In the book, she has come up with some clues and guidance that the rest of us might find useful for detecting when someone is telling a lie.

4 Body language is a dead giveaway, according to this *former interrogator*. Liars often avoid eye contact with their listener, look down when speaking, or angle their bodies away from the person they are speaking to. When pressed for details, they may get fidgety or agitated. And in what she calls "the Pinnochio effect," she says liars often rub or wipe their noses.

5 There seems to be a physical component to that last point. It may sound illogical, but research has found that the nose actually gets warmer when a person is lying. Though the connection between an itchy nose and a lie isn't fully understood, experts have concluded that it may be due to the increased mental effort it requires to make up a believable story.

6 Basically, there are two kinds of liars. The ordinary kind often display signs of nervousness, such as sweaty palms and dry mouth (or an itchy nose) when they are lying. Then there are the "super liars" who display no such telltale signs. This type can outsmart law enforcement, and even pass polygraph tests.

The super liar actually enjoys lying because he or she is, in some sense, "living a lie." Thus, they display no symptoms of physical or emotional stress, and can deliver a line calmly and with considerable finesse. 40

Adapted from Healthline (n.d.) Retrieved from http://www.healthline.com/health/

Question I

Instructions: For questions 21-30, identify the BEST answer.

21. Lying is sometimes considered being tactful because we _____.
    A. do not want to tell the truth
    B. want to avoid being offensive
    C. are just being straightforward
    D. are just stretching the truth a little bit

22. From paragraph 1, we can infer that the author _____.
    A. do not tell lies
    B. do lie sometimes
    C. feels that lying in court is acceptable sometimes
    D. feels that lying is a serious offence in all situation

23. We can infer from paragraph 2, that the author _____.
    A. liked to lie
    B. couldn't help lying
    C. really needed the job
    D. was just being nice to the landlady

24. *Seeing that I wasn't struck by lightning with that one, I decided to press my luck when she asked for my Christian name.*
    What does the above statement mean?
    A. The author didn't like her Christian name.
    B. The author was afraid of being struck by lightning.
    C. The author was afraid to lie about her Christian name.
    D. The author decided to lie further in order to get what she wanted.

25. What do you think is Guatanamo Bay?
    A. It is a city.
    B. It is a hospital.
    C. It is a detention camp.
    D. It is the birthplace of Sisco.

26. How did Sisco succeed in saving many American lives?
    A. She caught a lot of suspected terrorists.
    B. She detected lies made by the suspected terrorists.
    C. She wrote a book called *You're Lying* to catch terrorists.
    D. She used her instincts to question the suspected terrorists.

27. In line 26, *former interrogator* refers to _____.
    A. the author
    B. Lena Sisco
    C. the terrorists
    D. bordinghouse landlady

28. Why do you think that liars would avoid eye contact with their listeners?
    A. They are shy.
    B. They are afraid of their listeners.
    C. They don't care about what their listeners think.
    D. They are afraid their listeners can detect the signs of stress and anxiety.

29. Why do you think that the liar's nose itches when lying?
    A. The liar is distracted by his own lies.
    B. It is actually an unconscious reaction to the lie.
    C. The nose heats up because of the mental effort it takes to lie.
    D. The liar is just trying to distract the listener's attention from his lies.

30. Which one of the two types of liars, is the more dangerous one?
    A. the super liars
    B. the ordinary kind
    C. both of the two types
    D. neither of the two types

(10 marks)

Question II

Instructions: For questions 31 – 40, choose **A** if the statement is true, or **B** if the statement is false.

31. According to the author, omitting information is actually not a lie.
    A. True
    B. False

32. You met your friend who just got the ugliest haircut. When asked for your opinion, you replied that the haircut was ok. You lied because you did not want to hurt your friend's feelings.
    A. True
    B. False

33. Children are the worst liars.
    A. True
    B. False

34. The author was actually older than the age she told to the landlady.
    A. True
    B. False

35. Sisco must have used her own experiences to write her book.
A. True
B. False

36. To detect a person lying, keep on asking them questions that requires a lot of details.
A. True
B. False

37. A liar experiences the 'Pinnochio effect' as he thinks that his nose is growing for real.
A. True
B. False

38. While telling a lie, the nose becomes warmer as blood rushes to the head because of anxiety and nervousness.
A. True
B. False

39. The more complex the lie, the more mental effort it takes to spin, thus the nose heats up accordingly.
A. True
B. False

40. The Government could make good use of the super liars to keep highly confidential secrets.
A. True
B. False

(10 marks)

SECTION C: WRITING [20 MARKS]

Instructions: Choose ONE of the topics below and write a five-paragraph essay of 300-350 words.

1. During the festive season, people would take the opportunity to drive back to their hometowns to spend the holidays with their loved ones. It is during these times that the occurrence of road accidents double up due to reckless driving. Discuss the causes of reckless driving.

2. Junk foods and fast foods should be banned. Discuss.

3. Nowadays, both parents work to support the family. More and more parents are working longer hours to earn extra money. What are the most common effects of both parents working, on the development of their children?

4. Communication failure among family members is due to the excessive usage of smartphones. What is your view on this?

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